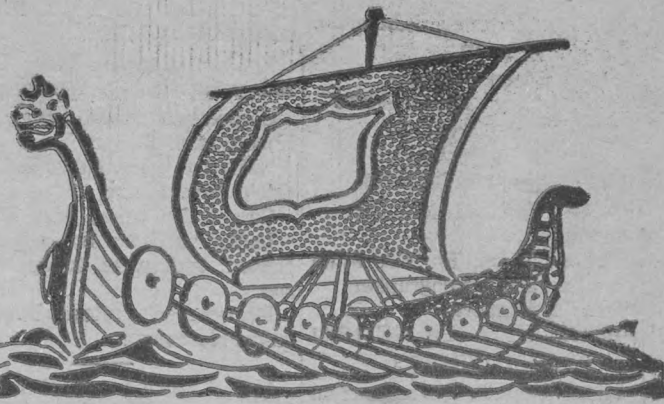


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Scandapades 1963 Features Top Talent

At 8:00 p.m. on January 19th on the main stage of the Jubilee Auditorium, the curtain will go up on Scandapades 1963. During the show you will be entertained by some of the finest performers in the city. There will be the familiar songs and acts presented by artists well known to most. There will be new artists presenting new acts, songs, and dances. You will enjoy the balanced variety of the show, the setting, the costumes, the lighting, the staging.

You will hear accordionist Olaf Sween; singer Donald McMann. Gymnastic group numbers in precision and solo displays will delight you. appearing from out of town will be dancer Sigvald Arneberg, Camrose, and singer Margaret Decosse of St. Paul. Favorites of many, the Swedish Folk Dance Team, smartly costumed and enthusiastic, will be enjoyed we know. The Finnish Society will also present a group of

lively folk dancers for added enjoyment.

In an advance show notice we would be remiss if we did not mention Crystal McDonald Fleuty, a popular star of many Scandinavian shows; singing with her in duet will be James McDonald.

Lighter and comedy touches will be interspersed throughout by Kaj Hansen, by a "Bande Orchestra", by an Icelandic "Skit", by Mrs. McDonald, by . . . well, we won't tell all.

The show's over-all success will be added to by the Show Orchestra under the direction of Mrs. Lilly Taylor.

You, your family and friends, Scandinavian or not, will enjoy Scandapades 1963.

Plan to attend now, and enjoy not only Scandapades, but afterwards the social and dancing to two fine orchestras, one Scandinavian and one ultra-modern.

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS

Fluoridation Experiments Continue

Legislation authorizing the government to give municipal authorities permission to fluoridate drinking water has been passed by the Riksdag. Medical experts, according to the cabinet minister who had introduced the bill, are in virtual agreement that there are no health risks in fluoridation. Sufficient experience, however, has not yet been gained in Sweden, he added, and it has not been proved that fluoridation benefits the teeth beyond childhood and adolescence. Experimental activities should therefore remain limited to the city of Norrkoping. Experiments began there several

years ago, under strict supervision, and the city has sought permission to carry on for another five years. Norrkoping, about 80 miles south of Stockholm, has some 90,000 inhabitants.

The government bill was backed by a great majority of the Riksdag members, but several others expressed skepticism and there was also some vigorous opposition. One opponent denounced "mass medication via the water supply system" and wondered if an attempt would be made to cure the modern ailment known as stress in the same way. Another described fluoride as "poison" and asked why the people of Norrkoping should serve as guinea pigs. The supporters, on the other hand, emphasized that chlorination of water implies just as much coercion as adding fluoride, that fluoridation has been found to cut the incidence of tooth decay in children by about 60 per cent, and that the risks seem negligible. Resistance against continued experiments, one Rikstag member said, must be due to superstition based on ignorance.

An 18-member delegation from Manitoba province, Canada, has spent three days in Oslo to explore chances for increasing trade with Norway.

Norwegian margarine is now being sold in Great Britain, the Canaries and several African countries. Exports in 1961 totalled some 9,000 tons.

Peter Sather New President

Solglyt Lodge members held election night on Dec. 7, at the Masonic Temple. The slate of officers for 1963 is: Mr. Peter Sather, president; E. Halberg, vice-president; K. Adam, social director; C. Dreyer, treasurer; R. Larson, trustee. C. Johnson, financial secretary; Mrs. E. Searl, secretary; Lillian Ness, assistant secretary; Joe Lineham, marshal; A. Searl, assistant marshal; H. Kris-

tensen, councillor; C. Rikstad, junior director; Anita Searl, historian; Mrs. Beatrice Lubbers, musician; Ingvald Sken, librarian; E. Dinesen, inner guard; Ragna Silversten, assistant social director.

Following the meeting a hearty lunch was served with Mrs. Beulah Hinton and Mrs. Helen Sather as hostesses.

Games of whist with prizes concluded the social.



In the fall of 1961 Mrs. Mina MacDonald organized a group of young Folk Dancers, with Mr. Sigvald Arneberg of Camrose as instructor in the Norwegian dance steps and marches.

The first major appearance of the dancers was at Scandapades 1962 held in the Jubilee Auditorium, where they performed in fine style. The Grand Finale convened by Mrs. MacDonald was held at the Masonic Temple on March 31, where the dancers delighted an audience of 200. A repeat performance was also given at the Scandinavian Centre picnic at Elk Island Park on July 29, and they represented the Norwegians at the United Nations Children's Pageant held at Al-

berta College in October, under the direction of Mrs. MacDonald.

A note of thanks goes to Mrs. R. Sivertsen, Mrs. I. Hovde, and President K. Amdam, for their assistance in this venture. Mrs. MacDonald plans to continue with this dancing group in the future.

Mrs. MacDonald's folk-dancers on stage at Alberta College. First row: Harvey Hopland (barely visible); Lenord Hopland, accordionist for the marchers; Sandra Golden; Delvin Hill; Debbie Matthews; Mario Amatio and Debbie Waldal. Back row: Evelyn Johnson; Marvin Golden; Donna Bukvi; Dennis Bukvi; Inez Hovde. The two members who are not in the picture are Wade and Bob Anderson.

Dania Christmas Party Over-Registered

DANIA Christmas Party is still a week away at the time of writing this, and your Board Members are busy planning and working to make it a success. Up to the deadline for registration December 15, somewhat over two hundred children had

been registered, ranging in age from one to fourteen years. It should not be hard for anyone to realize what an immense job it is to arrange such a party with suitable gifts and candy bags for all; nevertheless approximately 75% of the registration forms

were received by mail or phoned in the last two days before Saturday, Dec. 15.

The T. Eaton Co. supplying us with gifts for the children had to have our order by Monday morning, Dec. 17 leaving us a minimum of time for this arrangement.

From Dec. 17 to 19 we received requests for registration of about 40 children. It was with much reluctance and regret that we had to decide not to accept these registrations. We sincerely hope that you people who did not get your registrations in on time will understand our problem and try to have it done in time another year.

Chris Christensen Celebrates Birthday

Chris Christensen of the Uncas District, 20 miles east of Edmonton, celebrated his eightieth birthday on Sunday, December 16.

Chris belongs to the stalwart type of Farmer from northern Jytland in Denmark. He was born in Klim near Fjerritslev and in 1906 emigrated to the U.S.A., worked around Neola, Iowa, and in Washington, for three years. After a trip to his homeland, he again crossed the water and arrived in Canada in 1911. He took up a homestead in Kincorth, Sask. After a number of dry years there, he decided to go north, and in the spring of 1930 he bought a half section of land in the Uncas district, which he farmed until 1955, when he sold out and built a cottage near the Highway. Chris still drives his truck on occasional trips to Edmonton. Since 1949 he has made four visits to Denmark and is again thinking of a visit home, taking advantage of

the Scandinavian Centre Flight next summer. Chris has been a respected and honored citizen in his community. He has a nephew over here who visits him often.

Congratulations and the best of wishes for the future.

VASA HOLDS ELECTIONS

Election of officers of Vasa Lodge Skandia No. 549 was held at the Dec. 1 meeting in the IOOF Temple. New officers are as follows: past chairman, Eric Pierre; president, Sig Johnson; vice-president, Harold Markstrom; secretary, Elsie Simmons; vice-secretary, Inga Lindstrom; treasurer, Don Johnson; financial secretary, Linnea Lodge; vice financial secretary, Verna Kvarnberg; chaplain, Gertrude Holmgren; master of ceremonies, Peter Johnson; vice master of ceremonies, Pauline Johnson; inner guard, Ed

Bergquist; outer guard, Herman Nelson; trustee, Ruth Bergquist. Ernest Johnson was initiated as a new member into the Lodge.

One of Vasa's oldest Lodge members, Mr. Carlson of Calgary, was a visitor at the December meeting. Other visitors were Mrs. Karin Larson of Yakk, B.C., and Mrs. Martha Hokinson of Vancouver, B.C.

A delicious lunch was served and dancing followed to the music of Carl Elgstrand's orchestra.

Next meeting will be held Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. in the IOOF Temple.

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First A-Plant Almost Ready

Sweden's first industrial atomic plant, at Agesta some eight miles south of the center of Stockholm, has been almost completed and operations are expected to start in February or March. The unit will have an effect of 65,000 kilowatts. Most of this will be used for the production of heat for one of the capital's southern suburbs, while some 15,000 kilowatts will be transformed into electric energy for the national network.

The reactor, placed in a rock chamber lined with cement and plate, is of a type developed in Sweden, based on natural uranium and heavy water. It has been made by Swedish industries under the direction of the Atomic Energy Company and the State Power Board. The heavy water was bought from the United States in 1957. Experience acquired in the operation of the plant will be utilized for the next step in Sweden's industrial development of atomic energy, a power station of some 200,000 kilowatts to be built at Mariken on the Baltic coast some 75 miles south of Stockholm.

Construction of the Agesta plant has taken five years, or about twice as long as expected when the work was begun. Costs, according to recent press reports, will total about 200 million, or about four times as much as originally estimated. In Sweden as well as in other countries, experts in the press observe, the development of atomic energy has run into unexpected difficulties.

Today, however, the future of atomic energy is again viewed with optimism. A study made under the auspices of the power industry and the findings of which have just been made public indicates that competitive atomic power can be obtained even before the end of the sixties. The power plant already planned should be economical provided that it has an effect of at least 200,000 kilowatts. There is now good reason to believe that it will soon be followed by other units, public and private, and with effects of up to 500,000 kilowatts. The era of power plants using oil or coal seams, in other words, seems to be coming to its end.

FINNISH SOCIETY

Jan. 13—Annual Meeting

Jan. 23—Sewing Circle

Dance—February 9, 8:00 p.m.

Cromdale Hall 82 St.—111 Ave.

Play "AH HAN SUUTELI" will be presented. Everyone is Welcome.

Vasa Social News

A Whist Drive was held on November 21st in Westwood Hall. There were seven tables of players. Prize winners were as follows:

Ladies 1st, prize, Mary Pearson; 2nd, prize, Rosella Forsberg,

Consolation prize, draw, Pearl Hober, Mrs. Bolger.

Mens 1st, prize, Julius Hober; 2nd, prize, Eric Pierre.

Consolation prize, Alex Modin.

Ladies vs Gents 1st, prize, Emma Nelson; 2nd, prize, Margaret Eliasson.

Everyone who attended had a very enjoyable evening.

Mrs. Karin Larson, of Yahk, B.C. has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Elov Lindon and friends in Edmonton.

Vasa Ladies—January meeting will be held on the 12th at Mrs. Albert Winquist, 12038-96th Street.

Our best wishes to Bill McMasters and Marie Modin, who have been sick in hospital.

Mrs. Margaret Eliasson has been visiting Mrs. Helen Riley in Kamloops, B.C. Helen is out of the hospital spending Xmas with her daughter, Mrs. Earl Watt. We wish Helen a Merry Christmas and a speedy recovery in the New Year.

Children's Club—The next Children's Club meeting will be held on Jan. 13th in the I.O.O.F. Temple.

Solglyt Spotlight

The members of Sunray Junior Lodge gathered at the home of Mrs. C. Rikstad for a platter party on Friday, December 14. They enjoyed an evening of games and dancing which concluded another busy season.

Mrs. and Mrs. Nels Naversteth have gone to California for a holiday and an extended visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnsrude are the proud parents of a son, Dennis Carl, who was born December 4 at the General Hospital. A brother of Debbie and Della.

Mrs. Shirley Anderson, a visitor at our last Lodge meeting, has recently come from Vancouver. We extend a welcome to the Anderson family who plan to make their home here in Edmonton.

Mrs. Sig Sorenson held a party on Sunday, November 25, the occasion being Sigurd Sorenson's 50th birthday. He was presented with flowers and cards as many friends and relatives called to offer congratulations. Coffee was served.

Mrs. Beatrice Lubbers has been under the weather recently and Mrs. Emmet Clarke has been in hospital for an operation. At last report both are feeling much better.

Ruth Hammerstad is spending ten days' Christmas holidays at home near Beaverlodge with her brothers.

The Ladies' Auxiliary meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ragna Sivertsen, 9904-105 St. on Friday January 4. We would like to see a good turn out of new members on

Swedish Political Leaders As Seen By Wise And Witty Englishman

Malcolm Muggeridge, former editor of Punch, has been in Sweden and recorded his impressions, of life in general and of the political leaders in particular, for the 1962 issue of Industrial International, just published. Some excerpts follow.

"I began, logically enough, with the Prime Minister. My acquaintance with Prime Ministers is, admittedly, not large, but I have met one or two. Mr. Erlander, compared with the others, seemed agreeably informal and unpretentious. In his office and entourage there were none of the trappings in which, as Pascal points out, earthly authority tends to deck itself to disguise its inherent inadequacy, if not absurdity. . . . When I asked Mr. Erlander if he still believed in nationalization he wore the bland expression of an Anglican clergyman constrained to uphold the authenticity of miracles. Yes, naturally he believed in nationalization, but only as and when it seemed expedient. . . . Mr. Erlander was adamant that Sweden's traditional policy of neutrality must be maintained, as indeed, was every Swede with whom I discussed the matter. Mild attempts on my part to suggest that, in the world's present circumstances, neutrality had become abstraction rather than a practical policy made no impression. . . . He surely deserves some international award as a man who has been Prime Minister for a decade and a half without becoming pompous, arrogant or oracular. . . .

this our first meeting of the new year.

The Lighter Side

Upper Crust—A few crumbs held together with a little dough.

"DANIA" DOINGS

The December meeting of "Bikuben" was held on Monday 17 with a good turn out of ladies. The ladies brought samples of their Christmas baking, which we all had a taste of and found very good indeed.

Gifts were exchanged at the coffee table, everybody joining in singing the old Christmas carols. All had an enjoyable evening. The next meeting will be held on the third Monday in January, the 21st, at 8 p.m. 10029-85 Avenue. All Danish speaking ladies are welcome.

The ladies are busy bowling every Thursday evening from 9 p.m.

Vasa Bowling

Bowling standings as of December 14th are as follows:

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Professor Bertil Ohlin, the leader of the Liberal Party . . . created an impression of being a sophisticate, a cultured and highly intelligent European of our time, who had travelled widely, mixed freely with all varieties of Western intelligentsia, and was as much at ease in Washington and Paris as in London or Stockholm. . . . Would it be true, I asked Professor Ohlin, that Swedish Liberals, like English ones, tend to convey rather a point of view than a policy capable of winning elections? He was inclined to agree. . . . Liberalism today is the climate, not the ideology, of the Western world. It is the no-man's-land across which the phoney armies of unconservative conservatives and unsocialist Socialists confront one another.

Professor Gunnar Heckscher, the Conservative leader . . . struck me as a sincere, sagacious, unpretentious man, whose patriotism might have a somewhat old-fashioned flavour, but was nonetheless genuine enough. . . . I discussed with Professor Heckscher the, to me, absorbingly interesting question of how far, in fully satisfying people's material needs, a spiritual vacuum is created in their lives, productive of ennui, restlessness, and ultimately, despair. After all, I said, in previous civilizations the over-fed and over-indulged became decadent. . . . He agreed that the problem existed. . . .

Dr. Gunnar Hedlund, leader of the Farmer's Party (note: now the Center Party), struck me as conforming more closely to the genus politician than any of the others. . . . Had I been a Swedish small farmer in-

stead of an itinerant English egg-head, I decided, my vote would assuredly have gone to Dr. Hedlund. . . .

Mr. Hilding Hagberg, leader of the Swedish communists . . . turned out to be a pink-cheeked, elderly jovial Swede, more like Father Christmas than a revolutionary in the F.B.I. style. . . . A certain obstinacy of disposition was manifested by a portrait of Stalin still left in place. When I drew attention to it, he said he proposed to leave it there. I promised not to report the matter to the Kremlin. — How, I asked, could the Swedish Communist Party hope to stir up revolutionary fervour when the proletariat (in so far as one could be said to exist) was so well provided with this world's goods? Mr. Hagberg did not despair. . . .

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Ladies' A—Shamrocks	Edmonton Freja	5 - 8
Men's A —Penhold	Edmonton Freja	13 - 27
Men's A —Red Deer	Shamrocks	12 - 18
Ladies' A—Red Deer	Shamrocks B	17 - 7
Ladies' A—Shamrocks	Edmonton Freja	12 - 3
Men's A —Penhold	Red Deer	15 - 11
Men's A —Shamrocks	Edmonton Freja	13 - 19
Ladies' —Edmonton Freja	Shamrocks B	16 - 1
Ladies' A—Shamrocks	Red Deer A	15 - 3
Ladies' B—Shamrocks	Edmonton Freja B	5 - 6

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Men's A —Olympia A2	Edmonton Freja	15 - 22
Ladies' A—Olympia	Edmonton Freja	6 - 4
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The annual meeting of the Edmonton Icelandic Society will be held at Molson's Edmonton House, 104th Avenue and 120 Street, January 11th, 1963, at 8:00 p.m. Each and everyone interested in the Icelandic Society is asked to attend this meeting. Our executive has worked long and hard to carry out their duties in the past year and now is the time to show our appreciation for a job well done. A full report on the past year, plans for the future, and election of officers will highlight the evening. Refreshments will be served.

What gaiety, laughter and excitement as parents and children gathered once again for the annual Vasa Christmas Party. The Childrens Club proudly performed for their parents and friends in their traditional costumes and finery. Their program contained recitations, songs, dancing and accordian presentations. After the program the children danced merrily around the Christmas tree awaiting Santa's arrival, at which time they all received treats. The mothers served a delicious lunch in a real Christmas setting. Many thanks to Club Leader, Raul Nyroos, and his many helpers, who made this day such a big success, and one which all the children look forward to each year.

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Annual Scandinavian Night—Jubilee Auditorium—January 19, 1963

HASTE YE BACK TO SCOTLAND

By JENNY MacLEOD

On our chartered "Wardair" plane, the Captain announced over the loud speaker, "We are nearing the coast of Scotland and in five minutes will land in Prestwick Airport to refuel. We will stay approximately forty-five minutes. Fasten your seat belts and please refrain from smoking. Thank you."

It seemed as if every word carried a small electric shock as everyone around me instantly straightened up in their seats, and gave a quick glance through the windows. It was only sixteen hours since we had boarded our plane in Edmonton, and now we were going to land in Scotland. Those who were smoking took a few quick puffs of their cigarettes before depositing them in the ashtrays, and all of us fastened our seat-belts, as the landing could be a little "bumpy."

The plane was gradually dropping and with the changing altitude our ear-drums pounded, but soon we saw something dark below us, instead of the white clouds. My seat partner exclaimed in wonder, "we are on land," and sure enough we were coasting along the runway in Prestwick, Scotland.

The plane rolled to a stop opposite a large building whose various signs said: Prestwick Airport, Control Tower, Hotel and Garden. Eighty-four passengers poured out of the plane, glad to once again walk on terra firma.

Everyone walked briskly across the airstrip, following a guide, and into a fairly large waiting room. Two policemen were leisurely leaning against a gate observing the passengers. Five other men dressed in mechanic's overalls stood in two groups. The strategic position these seven men occupied directed everyone from the plane to the waiting room. As for me I strayed from the fold to see if I could find something exciting as well as interesting, to take a picture of. After all, we were now in the land of "Robbie Burns," Scotland's greatest bard, and I wanted to look around. A Scottish stewardess, dressed in a smart navy blue uniform, came from somewhere, and informed me that I could only walk in the garden. I tried a nearby gate to get into the garden, but it was padlocked. "Go into the waiting room," the stewardess said, "and you will find a way into the garden." I suppose when a plane comes from a wild country like Canada, it is best to have its passengers where they can be seen.

Inside the personnel was mostly girls, all with the unmistakable Celtic accent, soft and musical. Everything a tourist could wish for was displayed here; books, souvenirs, cards, stamps, lunch counter, rest rooms, beverages of all sorts, in all sizes and all brands.

I wandered out into the garden through the open door in the waiting room. The garden seemed very small to me. A lily pond, a flower bed, a tree, and a table with a few chairs, took up most of the room. I also took a good look at the fence surrounding it. It was made of heavy mesh wire, that a cat could not get under, or a mouse through, or a horse over. On the fence across from the lily pond, painted on a board, was this announcement, "Haste Ye Back to Scotland." I took a picture of this signboard and

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ICELANDIC NOTES

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Mr. and Mrs. Leo Alfred of Winnipeg were recent visitors at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. John Olafson of Leduc and Mr. and Mrs. W. Halldorson of Edmonton. While here they attended the wedding of Mrs. Alfred's nephew, Jim Fjeldsted, and Carol Ann Marquardt of High Prairie. The young couple will make their home in Edmonton. Mr. Fjeldsted is a former resident of Lundar, Man.

We wish Good Health and Happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Herb Vigfusson and family who have recently moved into their lovely new home at 22 Crane Road, Sherwood Park.

Mrs. G. Vigfusson of Winnipeg and Selkirk, Manitoba, spent the holidays in Edmonton visiting with her three sons and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Eggert Borgford and two sons came from Calgary to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. on Shaw and family.

Also a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Shaw was Don's uncle Mr. Oscar Gisslasson from Gimli, Manitoba.

"Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you" Mrs. Wm. Anderson, and all those celebrating birthdays in January.

Sunray Entertains At Party

Parents and friends gathered at the Jubilee Auditorium on Sunday, Dec. 16, for an afternoon of Christmas entertainment, by the Sunray Junior Lodge. Under the direction of Mrs. Joe Lineham the young folks gave an hour of fine entertainment in spite of the short notice and no rehearsal. The program opened with O' Canada, followed by the Juniors singing "Away In a Manger". The next item was an accordion solo, "Star Of The East" by David Oyen, followed by a recitation by Sharon Sorenson, "Lo The Light". Other numbers were: a piano solo "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town", by Donna Bukvi; an accordion solo "Silent Night" by Doug McInnis; a vocal duet by Debbie Matthews and Evelyn Johnson "Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer"; a clarinet solo "Jingle Bells" by John McInnis; Carol Hill played "Jolly Old St. Nicholas" on her accordion; Donna Bukvi and her brother Dennis played "Silent Night", Dennis at the piano and Donna on the accordion; A Norwegian dance number was given by Donna and Dennis Bukvi and Inez Hovde; a vocal solo sung by Joan

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Bridge To Link Sweden - Denmark

Plans for the construction of a bridge across the Oresund straits separating Sweden and Denmark, which have been discussed for many years, are slowly moving forward.

The bridge, according to a Danish-Swedish committee that has just completed its studies, should be built across the northern and narrowest part of the Sound, between the Swedish city of Halsingborg and the Danish Elsinore. It must be able to carry both railroad and motor traffic. Its main span would have a navigable height of 170 feet to allow shipping to pass into the Sound and the Baltic, and northward into the Kattegat and the North Atlantic.

The Sound's narrowest part has a width of 2.5 miles, and its greatest depth is about 130 feet. The bridge recommended by the committee is estimated to cost about 650 million kroner, or some \$130 million. It would be financed by tolls.

Danish authorities are giving priority to another and even larger bridge project, across the Great Belt which is eleven miles wide in its narrowest part. It would connect Denmark's main island of Zealand and the island of Fyn which already is linked by a bridge with the Jutland peninsula. A bridge spanning the straits of Oresund, the Danes observe, would be of relatively little use as long as traffic is not able to flow smoothly between Zealand and Fyn.

Construction of a bridge across the Oresund is, therefore, not expected to begin in the near future, but according to the Swedish-Danish committee it should be completed by 1980 at the very latest. Bridges spanning the Oresund and the Great Belt between Zealand and Fyn would give Sweden direct motorway and railwayroad connections with the European mainland. A bridge linking the Swedish city of Malmo and the Danish capital, Copenhagen, where the Sound is much wider but not as deep as further north, will probably also have to be built, but not before the end of this century. If Denmark, however, should decide to build an airport on the island of Saltholm, near soon as the permanent link has been

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Future "City on the Sound" with Four to Five Million Inhabitants?

The building of a bridge between Sweden and Denmark, according to speculations in the Swedish and Danish press, may make the cities along the Oresund straits grow into one continuous urban area with a population that would eventually reach between four and five million. As established, some writers have observed, the Sound region will offer unique possibilities for rational town planning. The big cities of the world never had comparable chances.

The "City on the Sound," a Danish expert wrote some time ago, should become a viable commercial and industrial centre, with easily accessible recreational areas. The dream will be fulfilled only if Sweden and Denmark belong to the same market group, within which not only people but also goods and capital are able to move freely, but there is hardly any reason to believe that a permanent dividing line will be drawn through the narrow water of the Oresund.

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From the Secretary's Desk

By S. A. Sorenson

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Scandinavian Centre, and myself, I wish all our readers a prosperous, successful, and above all, a HAPPY 1963. To be truly happy, you must be right with your God, your family, your fellow man, and true to yourself. We, who live in a Christian country, have no excuse for not being happy. We have all been taught the Golden Rule and the eternal positive principles of Christian living. We live in a land that is rich in the material things of life. We are a fortunate people. Let us, therefore, resolve to continually improve ourselves in mind, body and spirit so that we may all enjoy a more abundant life.

ABOUT OUR 1963 CHARTERED FLIGHTS

The response has been tremendous. The Flight Committee had planned on only one flight for June 30, 1963, but it now appears that two flights will have to be arranged. The Scandinavian Centre is very happy that so many Scandinavians are taking advantage of the enriching experience of a flight home. However, it is a two-way street. The Centre is also receiving benefit from your participation in these flights:

1. Financially it helps the Scandinavian Centre News. The flight fund helps to offset the cost of publication costs.
2. Financially it helps the Centre in two ways:
 - (a) All monetary benefits go to the Scandinavian Centre rather than to any individual. All who help to arrange the flights work on a voluntary basis.
 - (b) Many shares are purchased by Scandinavians in the hope that they may sometime visit Scandinavia.
3. Through travel, Scandinavians realize more fully than ever before the need for a recreative and cultural Centre for Edmonton.
4. Reams of Scandinavian music has been brought back by passengers, much of which will be used in the production of Scandapades 1963 Edition on January 19, 1963.

A WORD OF WARNING

Anyone who buys a ticket through any other chartered flight will not be helping the Scandinavian Centre, but instead will help to give someone a free ticket or tickets to Scandinavia. So don't be confused... make your application direct to the Chairman of our 1963 SUMMER FLIGHT COMMITTEE: P. N. CHRISTENSEN, 10951-164 Street, Edmonton. Phones: Res. HU 9-4806; Bus. GR 7-3501.

BIG ANNUAL MEETING PLANNED FOR FEB. 12, 1963

Complete reports of all the activities of the Scandinavian Centre for 1962 will be given. The Directors are proud of the progress made towards the realization of a Centre for Edmonton.

Perhaps you, as a shareholder, are impatient with the progress made. Then you should come to this meeting and find out "Why the Centre has not been built yet".

Four directors will be elected. It is your democratic duty to help elect the right people. So be sure to attend this most important meeting.

MAGICIAN FEATURED AT PARTY

A happy joyous time was had by all at the Icelandic Society's Christmas Party held this year at the

3 Teams Tied For First Place

With six games to go before the halfway mark in the Sons of Norway bowling season, it's anybody's guess which team will come out on top. Three teams are tied for first place at the moment.

Ladies' high single and triple is Betty McKevitt with 329 and 700. Men's high single, Bernard Olafson, 304; men's high triple Norman Nilsen, 718. Ladies' high average Betty McKevitt, 203; men's average Bernard Olafson, 192.

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Nielsen Family Share Awards

Broad vision in agricultural and homemaking methods and a deep desire for a happy family life have helped earn the Alberta Farm Family Award for the Sigurd Nielsen family of Standard.

The Master Farm Family Award is presented annually by the Department of Agriculture of the Province of Alberta to not more than four families in Alberta who through their farming ability and through contribution to the advancement of the province, have been outstanding in their district. The awards began in 1949 and have been awarded annually since. Nominations are received by, and assessed by, local residents and association members and by officials of the Alberta Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Nielsen came to Canada from Denmark in 1929 with twenty-five dollars. He left the old country because opportunities were greater in Canada. During his first few years in Alberta he worked as a farm and general labourer. Later he rented land and subsequently bought a farm in the Standard district.

These land holdings have grown until today the Nielsen family own and operate over 8,000 acres, of which about 6,000 acres are arable. They have approximately 3,000 acres in crop each year. The non-arable land is used as range with a cow herd of 150 head and they feed out some 200 feeder steers yearly. They are now developing a large specific pathogen free commercial hog enterprise.

They demonstrate an analytical approach to their problems and don't hesitate to apply new ideas and methods to their operations. For example, for the past five years they have used a strip cover crop system (oats are sown in twelve-foot strips with twenty-four foot intervals). It has controlled soil erosion and weeds, provided fall grazing and maintained crop yields satisfactorily. Their land is quite rolling. The cultivator is their main tillage implement and operations are performed in a timely manner.

One of the guiding mottos of the Nielsen family has been—"If anything is worth doing at all, it is worth doing well." This principle is not only evident on the farm, but in the home as well. The spacious farm home, convenient and comfortable, is a source of enjoyment to the entire family.

Mr. and Mrs. Nielsen have a deep sense of pride in the accomplishments of their five children. Svend, the oldest son, is married, has two children and is farming at Acme.

Gym Classes

Commence Jan. 7

The executive committee of Dania Gymnastic Club would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a peaceful and happy New Year. We also wish to see as many as possible take advantage of our gymnastic instruction after the New Year.

Our program is as follows: Beginning January 7 at 7:00 p.m. girls (age 5 to 14). Before Christmas we had about 25 girls enjoying an hour's training every Monday. We hope to have at least that number after Christmas. Following the girls' class

Anne, a graduate nurse, is married and presently nursing at Lacombe. A potential lawyer, Dennis, is in his fourth year of Law at the University of Alberta. Employed in Calgary at present, Sonja is completing her course at a Business College. Whereas music has been integral part of the lives of the older children, Paul, an active boy of fourteen, is a talented artist. A Grade Ten student, he is active in sports and is an enthusiastic horseman. With appreciation of the potential of each individual, Mr. and Mrs. Nielsen have carefully guided the development of their children to responsible citizenship.

Even though farm work has taken a lot of their time, the Nielsen Family believes in making time for enjoyment and community affairs. Mr. Nielsen has been a member of the local school board and municipal council. He is an active member of the Masons, the Lions and the Athletic Club at Standard. He is a member of the Calgary Shriners Horse Patrol and raises light horses. The children have joined their father in various riding activities. The Nielsens are also members of the Lutheran Church, F.U.A. and the Home and School Association.

The Nielsen Family have made remarkable progress in farming, living and citizenship. They provide an example of a balanced rural life of high standards. Through clear thinking and determination, they have attained their objectives.

is a ladies' keeppit (every Monday at 8:00 p.m.). Both of these groups will have Mrs. Bente Hagen as their energetic, enthusiastic instructor. At 9:00 p.m. the ladies' rhythmic group will practise under the direction of the very able Mrs. Lise Christensen. We know we will see a good number of ladies on this team in the New Year.

On Wednesday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m. the boys will come roaring back to use up some of the energy they didn't get a chance to use during the holidays. We saw 25 boys before Christmas from age 5 up. The instructor for both boys and men is one of our pioneers in the Gymnastic Club, Mr. Otto Henriksen. He is looking forward to seeing all you men who didn't show up before Christmas, as well as all of you who did.

At Annual Scandinavian Night in the Jubilee Auditorium January 19 you will see a glimpse of some of our gymnasts as they take part in Scandapades 1963.

For better insight come down to Oliver School at 117 St. and 102 Ave. any Monday or Wednesday. Everyone may take part. Our members belong to many different ethnic groups... English, Scottish, Dutch, Danish, Swedish, Norwegian, German... and I must have missed some—but you will see them at Oliver School.

Keep fit and keep smiling—everyone will wonder what you've been up to!

Most of the quips attributed to public characters are imaginary.

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1. His trans-Atlantic trip from Greenland to Norway in 999 A.D.
2. His historic discovery of Wineland, North America, in 1003.
3. His stewardship of the Norwegian Greenland Colony (1004-1065).

The Norsemen were the first Europeans to leave the coast line and venture into uncharted seas. As their homeland was not, and is not, a rich land 70 per cent being covered with mountains, glacier and moor, they went abroad seeking loot with which to enrich themselves. Leif's father, Eric the Red, was one of these adventurers. He had settled in the Norwegian Colony of Iceland in 970. It was here that Leif was born. By 980 Eric the Red had founded the first European colony in the Western Hemisphere—Greenland. Iceland nor Greenland was an improvement upon their native land, so they still sought adventure.

It is not strange, therefore, that we find Leif, a young man of 20, setting sail for Norway. En route, he disembarked on the Hebrides, where he awaited a favorable gale to take him to Norway. The winds did not blow that summer, and so it gave our hero time to fall in love with a Thorgunna. When the winds finally blew, he left his sweetheart behind, advising her in true sailor fashion that the rigours of the voyage would not be good for her.

On his arrival at Nidaros (now Trondheim) he proceeded immediately to the court of Olaf Trygvason. He spent the winter there and got on well with the king. Two things happened to our hero—first he became a Christian for Christianity had just reached Norway, and secondly, he heard more wondrous tales of the Fortunate Isles, which inspired him sail westward in quest of them.

On arriving home in Greenland, he heard still another story—the story of Bjarni Herlulfsson. He went to see him. It appears that Bjarni had set sail from Iceland to see his father, who had settled in Greenland. A terrific storm took his ship hundreds of miles southward out of its course. When the storm subsided and the fog cleared, he sailed westward and saw land, but it was not Greenland, for it was a low-wooded shore with a sandy beach. He would not set ashore, and this dismayed his crew greatly, but sailed northeast, and after two days saw a second land. Its topography was similar to that of the first, and so Bjarni would not land, but sailed on. After three days more they saw yet a third land, with a rough rugged coast and ice-capped mountains in the interior. This again, Bjarni concluded, was not the Greenland he was seeking. So they sailed north-east for yet another four days and saw a fourth land. Here were the ice mountains in the background, and so it was found to be Greenland.

It was quite obvious that Bjarni had no desire to explore further the wonderlands that he had by chance spotted, and so Leif bargained with him for his long-ship and made preparations to discover these wonderlands for himself. He took 35 men and 1 woman. He persuaded his father to accompany him, but on the way to the ship he fell off his horse and injured himself, and so remained behind.

Leif retraced the journey of Bjarni, but in reverse. His first landfall was Bjarni's third, and what latest re-

search indicates as Newfoundland. The crew embarked, but they soon decided that this could not be the Fortunate Isles, and so they sailed southward, coming to a second land of low wooded shores. On landing on what we believe to be part of Nova Scotia, perhaps Cape Breton Island, they again decided that this was not the land for which they were seeking. Southward for two days more they sailed, until they came to Cape of low-wooded shores. They followed a river inland to a small lake. Here it was that they disembarked and made preparations for a winter that did not come, for the grass remained green all the year round. Here Leif built his large stone house, which was to be used by subsequent adventurers in an attempt to colonize. Here they found the luscious grapes and the vines for rope-making. Here the salmon were teeming. This indeed was the Fortunate Isles, and so they christened it Wineland.

Just where is Wineland? This has been a subject of controversy among scholars for years. To a Brooklyn school teacher must go the credit for having given the most plausible answers. He believed that the clues were in the sagas themselves, if they were only interpreted correctly, and from the view point of a Viking sailor. So Frederick Pohl became a Viking himself, and in theory explored tree thousand miles of Atlantic coastline, and traced our hero to Follins Pond on the Bass River in Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

In August of 1947, he and his wife went to Follins Pond, Cape Cod, to spend their holidays, and find some conclusive proof that his theory was correct. What did he find? On the south shore of the little lake he found a large rock. He clambered on top of it, towards the shore-side, and found there what he was looking for—a mooring hole! We can imagine his excitement as he called his wife to witness his find. "I found it just as a thought I would—a perfect mooring hole. Excellent evidence my dear."

In the spring of the year Leif and his crew loaded their ship with the riches of the new land and returned to Greenland. We can imagine the rejoicing and the jubilation, and the popularity of our hero. His friends christened him "Leif, the Lucky."

He had no sooner gotten back than he began making plans for a second voyage, but fate destined otherwise. His father died, and he had to take over the stewardship of the colony—rule and deal with disputes, measure crops, plan the

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FINNISH SOCIETY NOTES

The Finish Society would like to wish everyone a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Finnish Society will be held January 13, at 2 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rama, 9213-97 Street. All members are urged to attend this meeting as many important items will be on the agenda. Remember the date January 13 at 2 p.m.

Many thanks to Mrs. V. Leino who was hostess of the last sewing circle. The next sewing circle will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sahuri on January 23. Everyone is cordially invited.

The cast of "Ah Han Suuteli" are very busy rehearsing at the present time. This play will be presented at the Cromdale Hall 82 St. 111 Avenue on February 9. We hope that you will all come out and give your support. Members of the cast are: Mr. J. Sahuri, Mrs. O. Virtanen, Mrs. S. Vesaniemi, Mr. O. Virtanen, Mr. M. Lehtiniemi and Mrs. V. Rastas.

We would like to remind those people who have not paid their membership fees yet, to get in touch with Mr. J. Sahuri.

Members and friends of the Finnish Society held a New Year's Masquerade for the first time this year. Prizes were given for the best costumes. The Dance was a fairly successful one and it is hoped that this may become an annual event.

shearing of sheep, the collection of driftwood, the rearing of churches—instead of going on the quest of Wonderlands whose wonderstrands he had barely touched. Leif was not dismayed, however, and he gave up much for the comfort and care of others—that further adventure remained a wistful dream — time, labour and the press of the days forbade the search. So he died at Brattalid, his father's house, in 1065. But he is not forgotten, and his memory will live as long as there are Norsemen alive to tell the tale.

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Nobel Prizes Awarded In Solemn Ceremony

By INGA LINDSTROM

In Sweden the second big event in Dec. is Nobel Day Early that morning while you are waiting for news over the radio, you will hear an insistent voice announcing: "Before the news we would like to remind our listeners that today is December 10th and a public flag day. Flags should be raised at 9 o'clock this morning and lowered at sundown." As you come out into the dark morning you will find all flags raised, whether you are in town or country. There are, in all, thirteen public flag days reserved for birthdays of the King, Queen and Her apparent; major holidays such as Christmas, Easter and May 1st, and this is a measure of its status in the year.

On December 8th the Nobel Prize winners arrive in Stockholm with families. What a surprise these southern guests come to in this town, so cold and often wet with snow, and what traffic chaos on Nobel day. Prizes are awarded for Literature, Physics, Chemistry, Medicine and Physiology. The Peace Prize is simultaneously awarded in Oslo by the Norwegian Parliament.

The Swedish Academy and the University of Stockholm award the Nobel Prizes. And what is the prize and where does it come from? Alfred Nobel was a Swede who invented numerous things, among them dynamite (which he thought would make war impossible). He accumulated a vast fortune, and in order to encourage genius, he left a brief, vaguely-worded will stating that the proceeds from his estate were to be awarded every year to men of outstanding ability. The time being 1896, people

regarded him as having been a lunatic when they heard this news. Since then, however, the Nobel Foundation, besides other activities, has given away millions of dollars in prize money, the winners' prizes being a share of the annual interest on capital invested, as well as a diploma from the hands of the King.

This is a solemn ceremony which takes place in Concert Hall, Stockholm, with each award preceded by a long and technical speech delivered by a Swedish expert. Prize winners sit together on a platform with their families. The King and the Royal Family are not seated in a Royal Box on this occasion, but in the front row of the stalls. The hall is filled to capacity with specially invited guests dressed in all their finery. The orchestra plays selections from classical Swedish music. This ceremony lasts for two hours and is followed by an enormous banquet in the Town Hall where the Nobel winners give their after-dinner speeches.

The risk of meeting the big bad wolf in the forests of Sweden, which only a hundred years ago was considerable even in the south, has now been practically eliminated. According to current estimates there are only about thirty wolves left in the country, all of them in Lapland in the far north.

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